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The Newsletter for SEATUG

Next Meeting December 5, 1991 7:30 P.M.	University Federal Savings Bank 8517 35th Ave. N.E. Seattle

Minutes with SEATUG

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The meeting was called to order at 7:50 by President Derryck Turner with seven members present. Another member arrived shortly afterward. The first item of business was the Treasurers report which showed a balance of $366.30. However there are a number of bills outstanding .

Derryck reported getting correspondence from the Fog International Computer Users Group. We have received their newsletter previously.They would like us to join with an initial fee of $25.00 and annual dues of #15.00. Dave volunteered to investigate further.

Derryck also received a call from a recent arrival to the United States with a Cambridge Z-88 computer. He was inquiring where he could get a power supply for it which uses 120 volt A.C. One of our members who also uses a Z-88 suggested that he construct an external battery supply for it using 4 D size cells. This would free him from the need to be near a 120V outlet and would still give a reasonably long operating period.

Information has been received from Terry Hansen, Editor of the Puget Sound Computer User newspaper that their BBS is still in development. It is expected to accommodate 300 baud to 9600 baud modems. One of our members noted that U.S. Robotics is offering a 9600 baud modem for $225.

Roy Piercey of Tacoma called Derryck seeking help with his Timex/Sinclair 1500 which has stopped working. It was suggested that he bring it to our meeting, where we could discuss it and probably find someone who could diagnose the problem and fix it.

Derryck also received a letter from a man in Palm Beach who needs assistance in both hardware and software for his Timex/Sinclair computer. I did not record the model. Pat agreed to write him and give him advice on sources of components and software as needed.

Derryck also heard from a person trying to sell his Timex equipment. He was told that there is not a large market for this line of computer. He may attend one of our meetings to learn further what interest there is.

Missing: Ten 3 inch disks that contain the operating system for the Spectrum that Mike Stone recently bought from John Dusenberry. Any clue would be appreciated.

The next item of business was the annual election of Club Officers. When nominations were opened there was a call for all the present slate to be elected for another year. This was not acceptable for Derryck, who said that he had held the position of President long enough. All the other officers present were willing to carry on for another year. Since the Vice President was not present, we did not know his wishes. After much hesitation and arm twisting Malcolm agreed to run for President providing someone else assumed the Secretary position. There being no other nominations, Malcolm was elected by those present. The positions of Vice President and Secretary were tabled until we could get people to come forth to fill the vacancies.

The last but not least item of business was the Auction. As usual Derryck held forth as Auctioneer. A first occurred when we had bidding for specific items by an absent out-of-town member, through a surrogate. There was some spirited bidding, but with the small attendance and the fact that most of the members already had one or more of the items, the prices bid were decidedly low. However, it did net the club $69.50 to bolster the treasury. Lets hope that some of the new "goodies" will provide ideas for future presentations at the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Malcolm Post